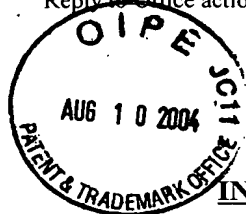


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Applicant : Thomas Thuli  
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**AMENDMENT "B" AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 1.116**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated April 8, 2004 (Paper No. 20040323). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on July 8, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one month, up to and including August 8, 2004. The \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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August 6, 2004

Signature of Attorney/Date